

Traveling Salesman Robbery after Jewelry Show

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Monroeville, Pennsylvania

Two New York jewelry dealers stopped to pick up food at a café after leaving a jewelry show at the Monroeville Convention Center Hotel. While one of the jewelers went inside to get the food the other jeweler, who was driving their van, stayed with the jewelry in the van.

Four suspects, including at least one woman, approached the van, punched the driver and took several bags containing the jewelry. The suspects fled in a Silver four-door sedan.

The victims valued the jewelry at \$1.25 million. The entire incident was captured on the restaurant's video surveillance system. Both victims received minor injuries and were treated at the local hospital

Loss Prevention Reminders:

1. Jewelry shows, flea markets and craft fairs continue to be targeted by the Jewelry thieves. Extreme caution and extra vigilance are needed when leaving these venues. Evasive driving techniques and procedures to determine if you are being followed can help you avoid becoming a victim.
2. Using a service to ship your goods back to your place of business is the best way to avoid the risks of traveling with jewelry.
3. Venues such as those described above are also high risk for Distraction and Sneak Thefts. Use locked showcases to display your goods, and be sure to have adequate staff on hand to help keep watch for potential thieves.

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